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Plane Plot Told By 'CIA Agent'

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East Berlin, Aug. 5 (Reuters)

A man who said he was an agent of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency told Communist high court judges here today of plans to lure an East German pilot into flying a Russian plane containing secret equipment to the West.

Guenter Laudahn, 36, an East Berliner who escaped to the West in 1962, said he was sent to East Berlin three months ago to contact the brother of an East German fighter pilot.

"I told him that the more equipment the MIG21 jet fighter contained, the higher the price would be," Laudahn told the court.

Laudahn, an electrical engineer, Hansjuergen Hanke, 22, a waiter, and Werner Baecker, 29, a lathe operator, went on trial today accused of acting as western agents.